

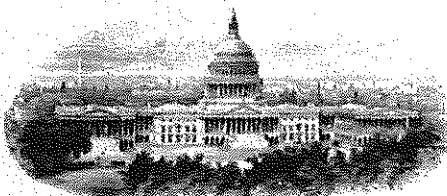
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March 20, 2006

The Honorable John A. Boehner
Majority Leader
US House of Representatives
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Dear Mr. Boehner,

First, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your election to Majority Leader. The Republican Party stands at an important cross roads in the months ahead as we face the mid-term elections. As a party, we enter the election season with a surging economy, a track record of reducing spending, cutting taxes, and offering common sense solutions to America's important challenges.

In the face of these successes, if recent polls are accurate, we also face an electorate that is dissatisfied by Congress as a whole. The air of partisanship being spread by the media, along with ethics scandals cutting across both parties has created a disconnection between our constituents and their Congress. Missteps by the administration during Hurricane Katrina have been attached to our work in the House and there is growing dissatisfaction with our role in Iraq. This is indeed an important time for the Republican Party to show that it is still an agent for positive change in America.

But along with each challenge comes an equal measure of opportunity. During the President's State of the Union, I counted more than 20 instances where both sides of the aisle rose to their feet to support his proposals. I believe that the American people desire comity and bipartisanship and I further believe that now is the time to take the first step to bring the parties together by capitalizing on our similarities instead of our differences.

I believe that the Republican and Democratic Parties have more in common now than in past years. It may not be apparent on the surface, but commonalities abound. Both of our parties are in agreement with our over dependence on foreign oil; the need to secure our critical infrastructure; reform of our homeland security apparatus; the risks to our port security exposed by the abandoned purchase of critical domestic ports Dubai

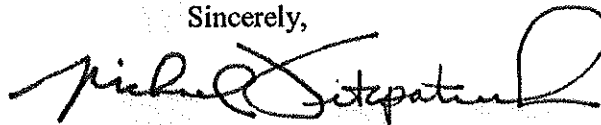
Ports World; and the dangers of a nuclear Iran. These are areas that can create a foundation to forge a new environment of bipartisanship and cooperation - an environment that will benefit the American people as well as the Republican Party.

In my first term in Congress, I watched you reach common ground in your work as Chairman of the Committee on Education and the Workforce on divisive issues such as pension reform through cooperation and compromise. I believe that you have the necessary reputation of a Member who is committed to creating consensus in Congress that can forge a new chapter in the history of the Republican Majority.

John F. Kennedy once said, "Leadership and learning are indispensable of each other." I believe that we can lead by learning to embrace those policies that both parties can agree on. The Republican Party can be the party of consensus and true leadership and with your assumption of the position of Majority Leader, I am sure this can be accomplished.

Again, congratulations on your election as Leader. I look forward to speaking to you on ways we can build on our commonalities with the Democratic Party to create change and strengthen our Majority in the House and improve the lives of all Americans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael G. Fitzpatrick", written in a cursive style.

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Member of Congress

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